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**Final Phase 2 Treatability Study Work Plan,
Pilot Scale Groundwater Treatment System,
Baldwin Park Operable Unit, San Gabriel Basin, California**

Dear Mr. Praskins:

On behalf of the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) Steering Committee this letter transmits a final version of the Phase 2 Treatability Study Work Plan. We believe this work plan addresses all comments raised by U.S. EPA, California Department of Health Services (DHS), the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (MSGVWM), and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) that can be addressed in the work plan stage.

As the design of the Phase 2 Treatability Study treatment system is nearing completion, we have begun to prepare the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), and the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual. We believe many of the comments received on previous versions of the work plan will be addressed by these documents, which will provide a higher level of detail on the operation of the treatment system, and monitoring that will be performed to achieve objectives of the treatability study.

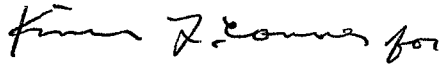
If you feel that any comments or issues are not adequately addressed or wish to discuss any subject related to the Phase 2 Treatability Study please call John Catts at (415) 899-8825 or Jim Michael at (303) 293-6128.

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Yours very truly,

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